

<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/676,629	BACHLER, HERBERT
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Joseph Saunders	2615

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Joseph Saunders. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Brad Spencer. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 03 January 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 11.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hohmann et al. (US 7,013,015) and Harris et al. (US 6,748,089).

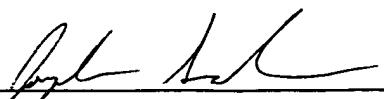
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed proposed amendments to claims 1 and 11 where the sensing unit senses "operating stability" where "said instability being willingly established by said individual so as to control said change over" from a first to a second "desired" operating status. It was explained to Applicant's attorney that the proposed limitations apply to how the user operates the hearing aid and not on the hearing aid system itself rendering the limitations more suitable for the method claim since, from the point of view of the hearing aid system, the device of Hohmann et al. would operate in the same manner by varying operating parameters of the hearing aid based on acoustic feedback.



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